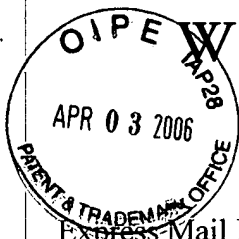


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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

A. Instructions and Averments

Enter the Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116, previously filed on _____.

This application is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

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B. Enclosed

X An Amendment "B" and Response for entry in the present application.

___ To render this RCE timely filed, enclosed is a Petition for ___-Month Extension of Time.

X A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV 774 501 272 US.

___ A Request for Nonpublication of Application.

___ An Associate Power of Attorney.

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X Form PTO-2038 submitting payment in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees:

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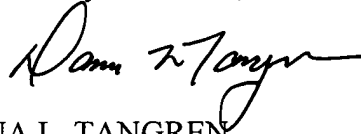
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Dated this 3rd day of April 2006.

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